

## REMARKS

The Examiner has issued a restriction requirement, restricting the applicant to one of three groups:

Group 1, claims 1-8 drawn to a hair trimmer having cutting blades;

Group 2, claim 9, drawn to a method of clipping hair; and

Group 3, claims 10-12, drawn to a device having a power cord, switch and indicating light.

In response, Applicant elects the invention of Group 1, claims 1-8 with traverse in part, as to groups 1 and 3, and without traverse as regards Group 2. The Examiner has failed to show that the inventions of group 1 and 3 are independent or that combining the claims in a single application would create an undue burden on the Examiner. Groups 1 and 3 are not independent as they share the relationship of being hair trimming devices that include an ion generating system to direct ion flow onto the hair being trimmed. Applicant thus traverses the restriction of related inventions.

Applicant has amended claim 10 to include a set of cutting blades, and believes that the restriction of Groups 1 and 3 is now moot. Claim 9 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer as drawn to a non-elected invention.

Applicant believes the claims are now in condition for allowance and requests such favorable action from the Examiner. If the Examiner has any questions or suggestions that might allow the claims to proceed more quickly, he is invited to contact the undersigned representative at 512.542.8446.

Respectfully submitted,



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